

Questionable Practices

(1 Corinthians 10:1-13)

Pray

- 1) Have you ever seen a friend from school do something that earned them a detention? Have you ever then done the same thing and also received a detention?
Make sure the boys see the stupidity in not learning from another's mistakes.

Read the passage

- 2) Read Exodus 13:20-22 and 14:19-25 and have a go at explaining what Paul is talking about when he refers to 'our forefathers were all under the cloud and passed through the sea'?
God was a constant pillar of cloud for them to follow and made the path dry for them to cross the sea. He was in control.

- 3) From v2 how were believers baptised into Moses?
By passing through the Red sea and following the pillar of smoke the Israelites were baptised with the power of God, through the ministry of Moses.

- 4) Israel twice received water in the desert from a literal, stationary rock – dramatic miracles that sustained them.
 - a. What is the *spiritual* rock that sustained them?
Christ was at work and working as a steady reminder to sustain them in what God had promised them.

 - b. In what ways is Christ the 'spiritual rock' who sustains us in our lives today?

- 5) Why was God not pleased in verse 5?
They set their hearts on evil things.

- 6) Outline the four things that Paul warns us not to be, and what were the consequences for the Israelites?

Action	Consequence
- <i>Do not be idolaters</i>	- <i>Does not please God</i>
- <i>Do not commit sexual immorality</i>	- <i>In one day 23,000 died</i>
- <i>Do not test the lord</i>	- <i>Killed by snakes</i>
- <i>Do not grumble</i>	- <i>Killed by the destroying angel</i>

- 7) Does this sound like warnings for how we should be living? How can you be careful not to fall into doing these things yourself?

- 8) ‘The fulfilment of the ages has come’. Jesus has fulfilled God’s plan for the ages by dying on the cross and rising from the grave. How can we be encouraged from v13 ?

God is with us and doesn't let us beyond what we can bear.

- 9) Think about the areas of your life in which you think you are strong in standing firm against temptation. How can you ensure that this continues to be the case? What areas may you have slipped in recently?

Really hit-up the guys here to be considering how they are going at living for Jesus. Do they actually take it seriously? Are they aware they can fall even when they think they are standing firm?

- 10) Why do you think we often find it hard to see God’s evacuation plan? (verse 13)

The world promotes sin, it is always very attractive to us.

- 11) What is going to allow you to find God’s evacuation plan more easily?

By truly knowing Christ through reading his word and asking him for help.